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Former CIA official John R. Stockwell provides an analysis of the Reagan Revolution. He discusses the fundamental restructuring of the economy and foreign policy, and how Reagan accomplished this. Stockwell scrutinizes Reaganomics and shows how it has weakened the U.S. economically while carrying out an enormous transfer of wealth from the poor and middle classes to the rich. He also criticizes the Reagan record on civil liberties and the interventionist foreign policy. Finally, John proposes alternatives to Reaganism.

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the whole costs of Vietnam according to some analyses that I read was one trillion dollars so Reagan has spent twice as much as was spent on the entire Vietnam episode from the early 60s to the mid 70s simply in a military weapons build-up and has done this without raising taxes and has thus build up the biggest deficit in history without being an economist I read and watch these things since you know since George Bush called it voodoo economics the the deficit the rendering the United States non-competitive the way he has done when we were already headed in that direction he has applied the same irresponsibility to economics that he's applied to breaking up the government the Alfred Regnery syndrome the LED Elliott Abrams type of appointment this is where his position in history as David McMichael was telling me over the phone last night he said the next president be he Democrat are all Republican is going to be a Herbert Hoover yes he's going to preside over a gigantic collapse now how big this collapse will be nobody knows but the damage that has been done economically 50 years maybe we will dig ourselves out of this out of this debt out of the the balance maybe maybe and and at the other end of a Lloyd Dumas you know and his book he brought out

last year the article he ran at the New York Times is a slow decline or sudden collapse but his his thesis in this book is that this this madness of reaganomics when we were already not competitive has put us on the slide down and it's we are sliding down and unless we dramatically reverse are the arms race essentially the military-industrial complex control we're going down as a superpower we'll go down into secondary national status

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go down into secondary national status if we slide if we don't crash so these are expensive fantasies that Reagan has which also we haven't met it was his early desire to destroy the Soviet Union it seems that he really had the fantasy of eradicating the evil empire he really was pursuing the option very seriously of a nuclear weapons build up that would enable him to carry out a first strike policy and eliminate the Soviet Union or to create such military nuclear superiority that he could dictate to the Soviet Union because they would be afraid of his military power and I think this is also behind the star wars with this flawed person the the the individual with I mean I've you know I've said since 83 in my lectures you know pointing out his defective mind which is which is obvious and now so obvious that I scarcely even bothered because everyone realizes that you know he simply can't keep up with things he's had this drive this dream is this radical bend that would affect a revolution but not a kind of intellect that could really we the revolution together but this flawed personality apparently dating back to the childhood with the abusive alcoholic father who could not give him an image to live up to and at the same time emasculated him with abuse so you have Reagan's own autobiography the theme of it is this haunting sense of inadequacy that has driven him all his life and that's the theme of the book and the title he took from one of his movies is where is the rest of me and this you know is is being cited by the psychological studies that are coming out now as why he would have this craving for military power you know to be complete to be strong why he could be so offended by petty world leaders

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be so offended by petty world leaders like Qaddafi for example who you know would discredit themselves you a more complete person wouldn't get involved in the arguments with them and he is he has continuously gotten down to the same level of petty name-calling with them of a threatening or wanting expressing his desire to make Daniel Ortega cry uncle and you know i mean the bullying aspect of it she would have to have someone with the bully syndrome with a very inadequate personality he would crave to make a daniel ortega in a poor country like Nicaragua cry uncle and this you know taking it into the reaganomics into the star wars wanting to control the world wanting to be able to crush his enemies it's a dangerous dangerous dangerous combination does Hollywood play a role in this Hollywood movies over the last 40 years of projected as fantasy that the world is divided into good and evil there's us and them the good guys the bad guys we're absolutely good they're absolutely evil they are so evil that if we don't eradicate them just eliminate them through violence they're going to get us do you think this contributes to Reagan's mentality that he identified with these Hollywood roles in this view of the world you think it's sort of deeper psychological rude oh it's it's all part it's deeper psychologically but it's also very it's the American syndrome and television the cultural the game that we put on to our kids from the age of 2 that they watch 10 or 20 times a day on television the little shorty cartoons where you have nice handsome light-colored hero figures be the Transformers you know in Decepticons or the he-man Sheena the Thundercats you know I'm into these things because of little Jonathan but always the nice people and evil forces rising up and the nice people saying let's all be nice but the evil force is insisting and forcing and then the good

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insisting and forcing and then the good guy is stomping them and beating them down but interestingly enough to keep the syndrome going for the little kids Skeletor you know never is killed he changes for him and disappears so he can come back net the next and do it again now we brainwash our kids like I say 10 or 20 times a day with this the American syndrome nice people being put upon by evil and and going would you

would you do you realize there is a country in this hemisphere that does not permit violent shows to be shown on television for children Nicaragua now it's Cuba Cuba they do not permit violent kid shows on television they believe it's psychologically unhealthy and we do nothing but assuming the Democrats or even another Republican gets in next time is how has he done so much damage that their gun able to put it back together again or as we well know he could have done it without the Democrats collusion in the House and Senate so just where do we go after reagan's out well this is a possible explanation of why and this democratically controlled Senate is not doing a better job investigating the iran-contra thing this Reagan who has bedeviled them for so many years now they having all they have to do is start asking the questions and they can rip this thing wide apart and having impeached and they're not interested and my suggestion is the reagan revolution is not a republican revolution it's the establishments revolution it's getting the pendulum over here and welding it shut for the benefit of the multinationals the military-industrial complex of which the democrats are just as much a part as the republicans now he is supervised dat tremendous arms buildup but remember Jimmy Carter you know supervised two huge arms buildup and so did Harry Truman for just a sight to not to mention Lyndon Johnson and carter also presided over a tax cut a

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carter also presided over a tax cut a tax benefit for the wealthy at the expense of the middle indeed and so they don't want to throw out the whole revolution they don't want to sacrifice reagan and cast the country throw the country back into a populist mode there's been a tremendous shift of wealth under mr. Reagan I'm quoting now from chomsky's turning the tide and writing the shift of wealth and power to the elite at the expense of the people wealth and power the political power the ketchup and relish thing in the schools you know just the whole rationale of society the dynasty and Dallas thing you know the rich rich and glittery taking over they don't want to lose that the satisfaction they would get out of impeaching Reagan isn't worth it because they would lose his revolution which is gains for for their their level their strata of society power level in their social class and a social class the establishment the military-industrial complex one of the keys to understanding the Reagan administration is understanding its relationships with their religious right many of whose adherents are high officials in the Reagan administration including Reagan himself we've referred to particular sections of this covert action information bulletin addition let's see what's that number 27 anyway it's the latest one I guess I'm like July or June it tells all you want to know almost all you want to know about the religious right and it's incredible how not only what some of these people believe but how they're organized among themselves and their interrelationships with the United States government in corporate America they're not just these weirdos who you know hoop and holler and rant and rave on television as matter factor according to Robertson's

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